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Thorndike said there was too much emotion in the Methodist Church and too little of the business-like spirit that was needed today. Young Methodists were too often expected to tell their experiences four times a week, and a person would need to have a phenomenal growth in grace to have new experiences ready every time. He did not wish to criticize the Epworth League, but what the church needed was not a recounting of emotional experiences, but a deep and scholarly study of the Bible. Rev. George F. Eaton, D. D., presiding elder of North District, spoke on "Evangelistic Work in the Sunday-school."

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THE SCHOOL OF METHODS will not meet in January, as the regular time falls on New Year's Day, and revival services will be in progress in our churches through the month. A program of special interest is in preparation for the February meeting.

NOTICE.—A conference for the deepening of the spiritual life will be held by the churches in Westboro, Jan. 9-14, the Evangelistic Association of New England co-operating. Among the prominent speakers will be Rev. Smith Baker, D. D., Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., Rev. J. A. McNeill, Mr. James H. Barie, Mr. F. P. Davidson, Dr. Julia M. Pittman. Bible readings will be given in the afternoons by Evangelist E. A. Lawrence.

Marriages.

AMES—WINDENBACH.—In North Waldboro, Me., Dec. 14, by Rev. O. W. Lowell, Harry W. Ames, of Nashua, N. H., and Lila M. Windenbach, of North Waldboro.

W. F. M. S.—The first quarterly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of N. E. Conference will be held Thursday, Jan. 4, at Lynn Common Church. Meetings at 10 and 12. The morning will be given to reports from Conference and district officers and the transaction of business. In the afternoon a report of the meeting of the General Board of Managers in Baltimore will be given by Mrs. L. A. Sanborn, of Lynn, delegate to the convention. Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, of Andover, general organizer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will give an address. Lunch, fifteen cents. Trains leave Union Station at 9:20, 10:15, 11:00 a. m., and 1 p. m.

RE-OPENING AND FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.—The Clinton Methodist Episcopal Church will hold services from Dec. 20 to Jan. 9 as follows: Dec. 20, Jubilee Session by Dr. G. F. Eaton; Dec. 26, banquet in Odd Fellows Hall, with addresses by Dr. James Mudge, pastor from 1851-'54, and others; Dec. 31, Watch-night service, Rev. Messrs. Jordan, Brown, McGlynn and Osgood, local pastors, participating; Jan. 1, sermon by Bishop W. F. Mallory, pastor in 1851-'52; Jan. 4, sermon by Rev. W. J. Pomfret, pastor, 1858-'60; Jan. 4, address by Rev. F. T. George, pastor, 1867-'68; Jan. 4, lecture-sermon by Rev. C. H. Mansford, pastor, 1880-'83; Jan. 6, temperance sermon by Rev. V. M. Simons, pastor, 1874-'77; Jan. 7, reunion of church classes; Jan. 8, historical sermon by Rev. A. M. Osgood, pastor.

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